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## Business Notices

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

The fact that the resolution providing for a Constitutional Amendment making the canals free had to pass the Assembly twice this session, owing to a stupendous blunder contained in the resolution as it reached the Senate, directs attention to a public matter in which reform is vitally necessary. One of the standing committees of the Legislature is the Committee on Engrossed Bills. This committee is presumed to examine all bills, amendments and resolutions before they go out of the possession of the Senate or Assembly, and make report when they find them correctly engrossed, and before they are read the third time. But in practice the committee too often entrusts the work of examination and comparison to clerks who, either through ignorance or carelessness, fail to exercise the necessary vigilance. The consequence is that not a few laws go upon the statute books containing a plentiful and varied supply of mistakes. The spelling is often original and the grammar radically unconservative. Is there any valid excuse for such a state of things? We think not. The Committees on Engrossed

### WHAT DOES IT AMOUNT TO?

CAMPBELL IN RETIREMENT

Gambetta is apparently unable to emerge from political retirement. The collapse of his Ministry has been followed by an overwhelming reverse at the elections in the bureaux for the Budget Committee. This is the citadel of power in the French Parliament, where he entrenched himself when MacMahon was President and Grevy was at the head of the Chamber, and it wasarrisoned by his most faithful followers when he was governing the country through Premiers and Ministries that were dependent upon his support. If he could regain that stronghold he would be able to harass the Ministry and to muster his forces anew on the floor of the Chamber. The President and the Premier made a determined effort to defeat him. The Deputies had rejected department elections because they dreaded a dissolution of the Chamber. The Government now addressed themselves again to their selfish fears, urging that an appeal to the country would be inevitable if the Gambettists should gain control of the Budget Committee, and reminding timorous members that the prefectures and other offices in the departments were mainly filled by the personal follow-

Democratic party. When we read the remarks that have been made and the letters that have been written during the prevalence of this present anniversary up to this point, beginning with the settled grief which Mr. Tilden threw over the New Haven Jeffersonians from a garden engine, and ending with the wild and softened melancholy which Mr. Samuel Cox sprinkled from his delicate little watering-pot over the Jeffersonians of Newark on Thursday night, we are more than ever struck with the fitness of things which so wove this anniversary into and all through the moist mouth of April that Nature and the Democratic party could weep together for thirty wet nights in its celebration. It was a great thing for Mr. Jefferson to have been born at all; greater for him to have been born 139 years ago, at a time when he was not compelled to choose between John Kelly and Samuel J. Tilden; still greater that his confluent birthday was spread over a period sufficiently long to furnish time for all who revere his memory to tell in glowing periods how disgusted they are on account of his death.

"The books"—and by this scholarly idiom we mean of course Mr. James Parton's biography of the deceased—say that Mr. Jefferson was born on the 13th of April. It was on that date that the Jeffersonian Club of Newark

## FIGHTING FOR PLURITY

Of its kind that is one of the handsomest whoppers it has ever been our good fortune to behold. It is large and round and beautiful, and is not disfigured anywhere by anything which bears the slightest resemblance to a fact. Mr. Morgan is undoubtedly a man of artistic instincts.

A choice variety of Bourbonism would seem to be located in Albany County just at present. We have already alluded to the brazen frauds upon the ballot-box by which a Democratic Mayor was elected at the capital on Tuesday. A little further north, in the town of Watervliet, the entire Republican ticket was elected this week, but before the Town Board could meet to make a formal canvass the returns were stolen, the design evidently being to enable the present town officers to hold

**GENERAL NOTES.**

In unpacking a bale of American cotton a fortnight ago at an English mill the workmen found a speech-loading label bearing the mark "Massachusetts," surrounded everywhere and when discharged in the

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Senator Edmunds, who has been for three weeks in Florida, reappeared in his seat to-day, and was cordially greeted. He is apparently much improved in health.

LONDON, April 14.—The Queen arrived at Portsmouth this afternoon from Mentone.

ive it is rightly termed a whiskey organization. The party organs are also in doubt whether any permanent strength has been brought to the party by those who tested with it at the spring elections. *The Michigan City Dispatch* says that the municipal victories were mostly urban votes, and intimates that they are not likely to mesh with the Democratic party in a National contest. "they are neither Greenbackers nor Free-traders;

HOW BLAINE MADE FRIENDS.  
 From an Interview with ex-Treasurer Spooner in The Jack-  
 sonville Times.  
 "I used to know Blaine when he first came  
 Congress. We boarded at the same house, and our  
 friends about that

I was a good deal surprised, and after that I did not notice him or recognize him in any way. Of course we were rather embarrassing for our families. One day,